

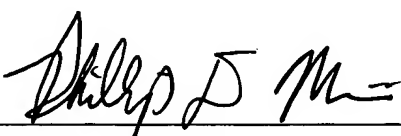
Prompt and favorable Examination of the elected Group I claims as well as the linking claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned

representative at the telephone number listed below should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would assist in advancing the prosecution of this application.

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